

Bilateral relations discussed

Regan meets leaders

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani received U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan Sunday. The meeting, attended by the American delegation accompanying Regan, discussed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

Earlier in the day, Regan met with Planning Minister Hisham Nazer. They discussed all aspects of cooperation between the Kingdom and the United States. The meeting was attended by Deputy Planning Minister Dr. Faisal Bashir.

Nazer gave a detailed explanation about the Kingdom's third five-year development plan and the industrial development in Jubail, Yanbu and other cities.

Ank receives SR25m budget

ANK, May 17 (SPA) — Ank Municipality's new budget amounted to SR 25 million, in addition to SR 3 million surplus from last year's budget, according to officials Sunday. Mayor Abdul Rahman Al-Rakan said projects allocated in the current budget include building a commercial market at a cost of SR 2 million. It also comprises asphaltting, paving and illuminating of streets in Ank and Jesh at a total cost of SR 12 million, he said.

Kingdom, UAE to join U.S. talks

WASHINGTON, May 17 — At least two Arab states — Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — will be represented at an international conference in Ohio next month grouping local government officials and municipal experts from at least 40 countries.

well as activities in which cooperation is possible through the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission. Mixed projects also were reviewed.

Regan arrived in the Kingdom Friday to attend the annual meeting of the Joint Saudi Arabia-United States Economic and Technical Cooperation Commission held in Riyadh this year. The commission began its meeting Saturday morning. A group of American businessmen also went into talks with local businessmen, a traditional gesture that comes in line with the commission's meetings.

Saudi Arabian exports to the U.S. increased from SR4.4 billion in 1974 to SR56 billion in 1980, while imports from the U.S. rose from SR1.7 billion to SR20 billion during the same period.

The Saudi-American businessmen's dialogue which began last year has contributed to further expand fields of cooperation between the two countries.



TALKS: U.S. Secretary of Treasury Donald Regan meets with Saudi Arabian members of the Saudi Arabian-U.S. joint commission.

By Public Administration Institute Computer's role to be highlighted

RIYADH, May 17 — The Public Administration Institute will hold a two-day seminar on computer technology here at the end of May, officials announced Sunday. University professors and deputy ministers, as well as other experts are due to take part in the discussions and reviews on the role of the computer in the development of the Kingdom, and the country's experience with it.

The sixth national seminar on the computer was held here last November. It was attended by Saudi Arabian representatives and international experts. The session was addressed by Planning Minister Hisham Nazer.

Iranian group discusses carpet sales

JEDDAH, May 17 — An Iranian trade delegation met with members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry here Sunday and talked about promoting Iranian exports to the Kingdom.

The delegation, led by Muhammad Raqqahi, told Arab News that they plan to sell hand-made Persian carpets in the country on an installment basis in order to encourage as many limited income people as possible to acquire them. This will be done through their appointed agent who will make sure that the installments are modest and spread over a certain period.

Iran already supplies the two holy mosques of Makkah and Medina and government departments but this seems to be a new effort

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, May 17 (WAM) — Saqr Al Muri, the under-secretary at the Ministry of Justice and Islamic affairs and Awqaf left here Sunday morning for the United States leading the UAE delegation to the meetings of the 19th annual conference for the federation of Islamic students in Canada and the United States.

The four-day conference to be held at Indiana University will review a number of issues pertaining to human rights and Islamic rules.

The conference will include a number of Islamic scholars and representatives of Islamic associations and centers in the world. While there, the UAE delegation also will visit the Islamic centers in the United States and Canada and will meet Muslims there to get first hand information on their conditions and obstacles facing them.

ABU DHABI, May 17 (WAM) — Heads of the delegations participating in the two-day meeting of the governors of central banks and directors of monetary authorities from seven Arab Gulf countries met here Sunday morning to review the remaining articles on the agenda of their eighth session.

The meeting was inaugurated Saturday by the UAE governor of central bank, Abdul Malik Al-Hammar, and is being participated by representatives from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Iraq and the UAE.

The governors meetings are expected to be concluded Sunday.

Chatti visits Guinea

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Accompanied by Bangladesh President Zia ul Rahman, Chatti made a recent trip to the two countries and conferred with their leaders.

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Police arrest law breakers

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Air traffic rerouted

JEDDAH, May 17 — Bad weather in Riyadh Friday night caused disruption in the flight schedule of Riyadh Airport. Five incoming flights were diverted to Dhahran Airport, the nearest of Riyadh, according to Al Jazirah Sunday. The storms began at 12.30 and lasted seven hours the paper said. The detoured flights came from Jeddah, Dhahran, Tabuk, Abha and London.

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On Kingdom's development

London seminar planned

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 17 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosbi will open on June 1 a two-day seminar in London entitled "The Role of International Firms in the Kingdom's Development Plans."

The June seminar will be the first in a series to highlight the present developmental boom in Saudi Arabia. The seminar will help acquaint the reader abroad with the giant strides made by the Kingdom in the economic, financial and social fields within the framework of Islam and under the leadership of King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd.

The seminars also will pinpoint Saudi Arabia's leading role in world affairs as a result of its civilization, culture and economic background. Saudi Arabian officials to address the seminar include Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, director general of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) who will discuss the petrochemical industry; Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, Petroleum governor; Dr. Faisal Bashir, undersecretary for the Planning Minister, who will discuss the new Five-Year Development Plan and the encouragement of the private sector; and Oil and Natural Resources Undersecretary Dr. Ghazi Sultan.

Speakers from the private sector include Dr. Ibrahim Ubaid, undersecretary at the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, who will discuss joint ventures; Khaled Al-Azma, board chairman of the Saudi Cable Company; and Fahd Hussein Shobokshi, director general of Ali and Fahd Shobokshi Establishment.

Among the experts attending the seminar will be Jack Petter, board chairman of Saudi Mobil; M.A. Calin, director of administration for the Saudi-American Bank and vice chairman of the City Bank group; S.G. Ogest, marketing director of the Saudi-British Bank; and John Nierhoof, vice chairman of Bechtel Petroleum Company.

The seminar will be presided over by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, rector of Riyadh University; and Lord Celsdon, head of the Middle East trade committee and advisor of the Midland financial group. The speeches will be followed by a general debate on banking, finance and joint ventures. The seminar is being sponsored by Saudi Gazette, while Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) and Ibo Sina Scientific Foundation in Britain also will participate. The Financial Times conferences department is handling the seminar's organization.

COMMENT

By Jamal Al-Sahlbi Okaz

During the past few years the Asir region has successfully made good strides in different fields including summer resorts.

The idea of summer resorts is not new because the regional environment has automatically given birth to the idea that Asir should be the location of a good summer resort in the Kingdom.

But a question arises as to where is the official machinery which should boost this idea and strive to offer the required services to tourists from the Kingdom and other neighboring countries, who would feel attracted to come to Asir to enjoy its moderate climate, thick forests and heavy rains. In this connection, it should be an interesting point to note that Asir has already had a national park whose first stage has been completed.

It is, however, no secret that Asir Governor Prince Khalid Al-Faisal has realized the great significance of the availability of a machinery that should offer all necessary services and facilities to tourists coming to the summer resorts in his region. Not only this, among the important objectives of this machinery should be to preserve the environmental beauty and the archaeological sites as well as to improve and further develop the tourist services in the region.

In order to make Asir a deal summer resort, it would be necessary to create programs in which several government departments participate giving a strong boost to the idea of an administrative machinery for the summer resorts. Following the establishment of a national park, Asir has assumed considerable importance from the aspect of tourism. If there are full-fledged programs for summer resorting in the south, people would be saved the bother of having to go abroad for recreation.

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Asr (Evening)	3.34	3.42	3.14	3.05	3.29	4.03
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.54	7.00	6.32	6.22	6.46	7.20
Isha (Night)	8.24	8.30	8.02	7.52	8.16	8.50



TOUR: Jeddah Islamic Port director Fuad Mukhtar (second from right) gives a tour of the port to Chinese Communications Minister Chin-Shen Lin (third from right). The Chinese ambassador to the Kingdom Yu-chi Hsueh (far right) accompanied the minister.

Minister tours Islamic port

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 17 — Chinese Communications Minister Chin-Shen Lin and his delegation visited Jeddah Islamic Port Saturday. They were briefed on the port activities by Fuad Mukhtar, Jeddah port director general.

Mukhtar explained the port's capabilities and its achievements — at the top of which comes increasing berths from 12 to 43 in four years and bulk cement silos and other facilities. The Chinese delegation toured the port, inspected a number of berths and the 4,000-ton daily desalination plant which supplies drinking water for ships.

Lin also witnessed the modern fuel supply system for ships. Mukhtar said that the port authority removed 30 sunken vessels, which were there for a long time, to expand the harbor. He told the Chinese minister that the entrance channels also were expanded to 300 meters to accommodate two vessels at the same time.

The Chinese minister inspected the fire-fighting tugboats which help distinguish fires aboard ships and the latest anti-pollution and navigational equipment. He said that what he saw in Jeddah Islamic Port was "something like a miracle." Jeddah port is one of the largest ports in the world in regard to organization and "a bright facet for your country," Lin added.

He said he admired the ships calling schedule, storage system and the automatic unloading system.

Charity group to build headquarters

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Riyadh Philanthropic Foundation plans to build two headquarters, officials announced Saturday after a board meeting of the foundation under its vice chairman Prince Sattam, Riyadh's deputy governor.

The headquarters will be located in Sulaymaniyah on a plot offered by Riyadh Municipality, and off Sirren Street at Al-Malazz on a parcel of land donated anonymously.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Sanad, the foundation's secretary general said the board adopted the foundation's budget for last year and the new financial year. He added that last year the foundation donated SR 21 million to the needy, which is double the amount received by the foundation the previous year.

The board also discussed the executive steps for building the foundation's welfare complex at Al-Dereyya as approved previously.

Firm provides navigational equipment

LONDON, May 17 (LPS): Survey and navigational services on board two pipe-laying vessels in Gulf oilfields off Saudi Arabia are currently being provided by a British firm.

Work on the seven-month contract is being carried out by technicians and surveyors from Oilfield Hydrographic Projects, of northern

England, with high-precision navigation systems and underwater sonar detection equipment supplied by the firm. Oilfield Hydrographic Projects has expanded rapidly during the last few years and now provides personnel, equipment, and navigational and survey capabilities on a world basis for many offshore exploration contractors.

KAU to discuss effects of environment on plastics

By Ahmad Kamal Khusrro

JEDDAH, May 17 — The College of Mechanical Engineering in the King Abdul Aziz University is holding a two-day seminar on "degradation of plastics in various environments" at the College of Science Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The department received 30 papers and out of these 23 have been selected for presentation. Experts in the field of construction, plastics and rubbers from Britain, University of Petroleum and Chemicals, Dhahran, Riyadh University and KAU are expected to participate in the deliberations.

The seminar will be divided into four sessions and will be inaugurated by Dr. Abdullah Nassif, Rector of KAU. Dr. Khalid Yusuf El-Khalaf, chief of the Saudi Standards Organization, will deliver the opening address.

In the first session the panelists will discuss the environmental effects on materials, specially the weathering of plastics and rubbers in the Saudi Arabian climate. Reports also will be submitted on fire retardant tents made for the KAU's Haj Research Center by the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The second session will be on the corrosion of metals, particularly at high temperatures. On the second day, the discussions will center on the behavior of construction materials in the local environment. The last session of the seminar will be devoted to the factors causing the degradation of materials.

Delegates will be taken to various departments of the College of Engineering and they will talk with professors engaged in various research projects. The seminar is open to the public.

On cooperation

Kingdom, Belgium schedule talks

JEDDAH, May 17 — The Saudi Arabian-Belgian Joint Economic and Technical Cooperation Committee will hold its meetings in Jeddah from May 24 to 26 within the framework of the Economic and Technical Agreement signed between the two countries in 1978, according to the Belgian Embassy Sunday.

The Saudi Arabian delegation will be headed by Ambassador Ma'moua Qabbani, director of the western department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Belgian delegation will be led by the director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, economic relations, Jan Hollants Van loocke. The joint commission meets in principle once every year with the site of meetings alternating between Jeddah and Brussels.

The commission is considered the umbrella for Saudi Arabian-Belgian cooperation in all economic technical and scientific fields and through it, all aspects of cooperation between the two countries are dealt with.

Turkey, OIC sign pact

JEDDAH, May 17 (SPA) — An agreement was signed here Saturday whereby the Turkish government will grant diplomatic immunity and privilege to the Stacoeal, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries in Ankara and the Research Center in Culture, Art and History in Istanbul.

The signing took place at the Organization of Islamic Conference headquarters here.

The agreement was signed by OIC Secretary General Habib Chatil and Turkish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Hussein Shelem on behalf of the Turkish government. Chatil thanked the Turkish government for its Islamic endeavors and its support for the two centers.

During the talks several areas for potential Belgian cooperation in development will be discussed. In particular the emphasis on industrialization in the five-year development plan is seen as a great opportunity for Belgium's efforts to export. Special emphasis will also be laid on the fields of railway, transportation, agriculture, communications, telecommunications health care, housing and training.

Qasr Al-Hokm tenders

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Contractors will be invited to bid at the beginning of July this year for the first phase of the Qasr Al-Hokm area project, a spokesman for the Higher Executive Committee for the Development of Qasr Al-Hokm said Saturday evening.

The committee met under its vice chairman, Riyadh's Deputy Governor Prince Sattam.

Dr. Omar Ibrahim Abdul Karim, director general of the office for the development of Qasr Al-Hokm area, said that modification of the designs for the first phase will be completed within a month and a half from now.

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Leaves for Washington

Barre said seeking better ties with U.S.

MOGADISHU, May 17 (Agencies) — There have been conflicting reports here as to the nature of Somali President Siad Barre's unofficial visit to the United States. According to Sunday's report in the official Somali News Agency Sonna, Barre will be meeting with American leaders in order to strengthen relations between the two countries. Yet, informed sources in Mogadishu said Sunday that the 59-year-old president's visit to the United States was for medical reasons. Although these informed sources would not reveal any details of Barre's medical condition, they said the president would probably be staying in the U.S. for up to one month. Barre left Mogadishu Saturday for the United States. The informed sources did not discount the possibility that Barre and the four top government officials accompanying him may ask for meetings with U.S. government officials, but the sources denied that any such meetings had been prearranged. According to Somali government sources, the United States Ambassador to Somalia, Don Petterson, left for the United States Thursday in anticipation of Barre's visit. Barre Friday night warned Ethiopia that it "will meet a crushing and humiliating defeat" if it attempts to invade Somalia. The Somali leader said that the Ethiopian regime was claiming that it now had an opportunity to invade and retaliate for

Somalia's past "wrong-doings" but that it would refrain "out of goodwill." His speech at the national theater to a large crowd commemorating Somalia's National Youth Day was in the context of the long-standing difference between the two Horn of Africa states over the disputed Ogaden region. Barre was apparently referring to a recent commentary by the Ethiopian news agency saying that the Ethiopian regime would not exploit what it called Somalia's internal problems and invade "as Somalia did in 1977." (The Somali leader last month sacked his defense minister and security chief as part of a major government shakeup. War broke out between Somalia and Ethiopia in 1977 over Ethiopia held Ogaden which Somalia has traditionally claimed.) The president said that the Ethiopians would be at a loss if they miscalculated Somalia's strength and thought it was in a weaker position than before. "Somalia has a defense force capable of repelling any enemy that dares to invade her territory, and Mengistu (Ethiopian head of state) Vingistu Haile Mariam knows that he will meet with a humiliating and crushing defeat if he tries to invade us," he said. He added that Somalia, which supports the western Somali liberation front fighting for an independent Ogaden region, would welcome any "genuine and just" initiative aimed at setting the Horn of Africa issue.

In Turkey

'Terrorist actions' decrease

ANKARA, May 17 (AFP) — There are 26,828 political prisoners in Turkey, according to a government report published Saturday, which added that "terrorist acts" had decreased by 70 per cent in the eight months since the new government took over. According to official figures, 4,681 of the prisoners were being held under three-month police detention. 20,678 had been arrested after being charged and 1,469 were in jail pending sentencing. Since September 12, 1980 — date on which the new government took over — the military courts had sentenced 24 persons to death. In 13 cases, the verdict was confirmed after appeal. Four of the 13 had been hanged and four were still at large. Sentences in two of the other 11 cases were being studied but nine had been overturned and sent for re-trial. During the month which followed the coup, 1,146 "terrorist acts" were recorded, but only 358 acts of terrorism took place

between April 12 and May 11, the report said. About 20 persons were killed daily in the period before September 12. But the murder figure dropped to 69 for the entire month after Gen. Kenan Evren's took over, and to just 13 last month. Leftist terrorism was still more prevalent than terrorism by rightwingers, the report said. It attributed 68 per cent of the crimes to the left and only one per cent to the right but did not say who was responsible for the other 31 per cent. The most dramatic decrease in terrorism was between April 12 and May 11. During these weeks, 2,144 alleged militants were arrested — 1,562 were said to be leftists, 146 came from the right and 436 were described as "separatists". Some 1,821 other people arrested were said to fall into various "other categories." Martial law headquarters estimated that some \$65 million worth of weapons had been seized in the past 30 days.

U.S., Egypt hold talks on Sinai unit

CAIRO, May 17 (AP) — Senior American and Egyptian representatives held talks here Saturday on the modalities of forming a multi-national peace force to police the Egyptian-Israeli borders next April. The force would include non-combat American troops and its formation is called for under the U.S. mediated Camp David Middle East peace accords. They are to be in position when Israel is scheduled to make its final withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula April 1982. Originally, the U.N. should have formed the force, but the Soviet Union, opposed to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, has threatened to veto the unit's creation at the Security Council. Under the treaty, the U.S. pledged to form an alternative multi-national unit. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali said his 90-minute talks Saturday with U.S. Deputy Assistant Undersecretary of State Michael Sterner were "preliminary consultations" pending a full discussion of the issue at the American-Egyptian-Israeli meeting scheduled here May 25. The creation of the force is a delicate issue, primarily because of Arab fears the Soviet Union may seek to station its own troops in some Arab country to counteract the American military presence in Sinai. The Egyptians are thus trying to water down the force as much as possible by insisting on a larger number of non-American military personnel. "It has to be as international as possible," Ghali told reporters after talks with Sterner. "The various responsibilities within the force should also be distributed evenly among the nationalities."

BRIEFS

ATHENS, (AFP) — Four earth tremors recording four degrees on the Richter Scale were registered Saturday in the area of the Ionian Sea east of the Peloponnese peninsula, the Geodynamic Institute here announced Sunday. TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Egyptian ambassador to Israel Saad Mortada will return here Monday with a message from Egypt's President Anwar Sadat to Israeli Premier Menahem Begin described as "very important." Mortada has spent the past 12 days in Cairo for consultations with his government. TEHRAN, (AFP) — A delegation led by Iranian Vice-Premier for Political Affairs Muhammad Hashemi left here for Damascus Sunday to assure Syria of Tehran's complete support in its dispute with Israel, Pars News Agency reported. TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A bomb exploded early Sunday in the Israeli airline El Al offices in Istanbul, the company head office here announced.

By Israel

Five Palestinian houses in Gaza Strip destroyed

TEL AVIV, May 17 (AP) — Israeli occupation forces destroyed five houses Sunday after recently arresting a number of Palestinian nationalists allegedly responsible for 14 deaths and 22 woundings in the occupied Gaza Strip, a military spokesman said. The Palestinians belonged to three cells operating in the Gaza Strip village of Jabaliya under the direction of the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) military arm Fateh, the spokesman said. The spokesman did not say how many were arrested.

The houses of five of the Palestinians, were used as stores for a large quantity of arms and ammunition, and the army destroyed the buildings "in accordance with a policy of eliminating homes" used by the Commandos. The military spokesman named Rafik Silmi as the ringleader of the group. Silmi was killed last December in a shootout with security forces who came to arrest him. However, the cells continued to operate "after his liquidation," the spokesman said.

Egypt worried over presence of superpower naval units

CAIRO, May 17 (AP) — Egypt has expressed concern at the increasing Soviet and American naval military units in the Mediterranean and President Anwar Sadat told the Palestinians and Syrians Moscow does not want to solve the Middle East conflict. The 76,000-ton U.S. aircraft carrier, *Independence* which moved into the eastern Mediterranean Friday raises U.S. naval strength in the area to 32 battle ships. The Soviets maintain between 30 to 40 vessels regularly and they have moved the helicopter carrier, *Moskva* closer to the Lebanese shores. Egypt's concern was voiced Saturday in a statement by parliament's foreign relations committee which termed the situation in the area "dangerous" and appealed to Arab countries to intervene to settle growing Syrian-Israeli tensions which are "threaten-

ing security in the area as well as world peace." The statement carried by the Middle East News Agency said "Syrian intervention in the affairs of Lebanon and Israeli greed for Lebanese territory are prime cause of the tensions... the consequent movement of superpower naval units in the area is serious." The statement reiterated Egypt's demand that Syria, withdraw its troops. Israel halt its military aggressions on Lebanon and appealed to Arab countries to extend military and material assistance to the Lebanese national army to enable it to take over peacekeeping on its soil. Meanwhile, in a speech to university professors in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, Sadat again appealed to the Palestinians and Syrians to sit down and negotiate with Israel for a Mideast settlement.

Sadat aide resigns

CAIRO, May 17 (R) — Egyptian Justice Minister Anwar Abu Sebli resigned Saturday, according to an official broadcast on Cairo television. The television, which said Ahmad Samir Sami, a member of the judiciary, had been appointed to replace Sebli, gave no reason for the resignation. Deputy Prime Minister Osman Ahmad Osman also resigned Wednesday after a committee of inquiry told parliament it had found no evidence to back allegations in his best-selling autobiography of financial malpractices by senior officials in the past.

Canadian premier meets Benjedid

ALGIERS, May 17 (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who arrived in Algiers Saturday on a 48-hour official visit, had talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. Canadian sources said, Trudeau also met Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia and the ministers of trade, energy, finance and planning to discuss bilateral relations.

Ethiopian ministers visit Scandinavia

ADDIS ABABA, May 17 (AP) — Ethiopian Deputy Premier Fisseha Desta left here Saturday at the head of a high-level delegation for what was described as a working visit to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands. Accompanying Fisseha were the ministers of industry, agriculture, labor and social affairs. In Brussels, the Ethiopian team will visit the headquarters of the European Economic Community (EEC) with which the government in Addis Ababa is linked under the terms of the Lome Convention.

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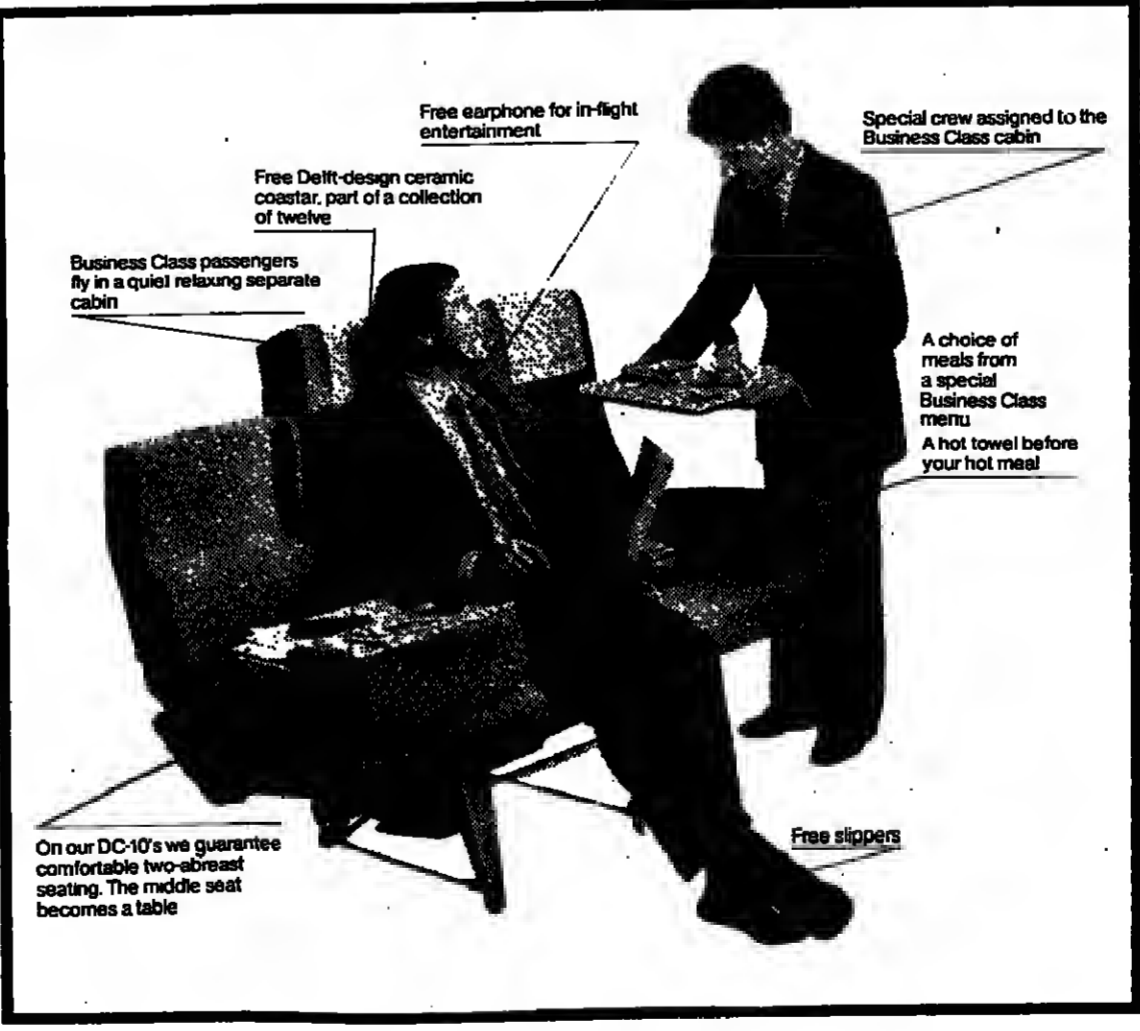
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On buildup against India

Pakistan denies Russian report

By Shahid Orakzai Arab News correspondent

ISLAMABAD, May 17 — Pakistan has charged the Soviet Union with deliberately spreading baseless rumors about tension on Indo-Pakistan borders and an official spokesman strongly denied Moscow radio reports about Pakistani troops buildup on borders with India.

Moscow radio had reported Pakistani troops concentration in the Rann of Kutch area and had quoted the chief minister of the bordering Indian state of Gujarat. The spokesman said that there was absolutely no truth in this report which was later carried by Kabul radio as well and added that the situation on borders with India has remained normal. The spokesman said some interesting quarters (attempting to spoil Indo-Pakistani relations) were deliberately spreading such baseless rumors.

Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao is scheduled to visit Islamabad June 8 and his counterpart Agha Shahi has expressed hopes that the visit would enable the two countries to remove some recent misunderstandings over the sale of American arms to Pakistan. A foreign ministry spokesman Saturday said it would be "highly premature" to say that the proposed five-year program of U.S. economic assistance and military sales was acceptable to Pakistan.

Clarifying certain remarks of a Pakistani official as reported by The New York Times the spokesman said, that discussions initiated by Foreign Minister Agha Shahi with the

Reagan administration officials at Washington last month were still continuing. He said the two sides had agreed in principle about a mutual relations that would respect Pakistan's nonaligned role and its commitment to the Islamic conference.

A U.S. undersecretary of state would head a team of national security officials to Islamabad next month to settle the terms of economic assistance and arms sales to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, in Paris, Pakistani Information Minister Muhammad Zafarul Haq said during the week Pakistan has neither the intention nor the means of building up a nuclear arsenal.

His declaration followed months of rumors and statements to the effect that India and Pakistan were on the point of rushing into a nuclear arms race between themselves, the first among third world nations to do so. Haq, who is scheduled to return to Islamabad Tuesday after a short stopover in London, stressed that unlike India, Pakistan was a signatory to the Nuclear-Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The minister added that he was happy about the possibilities opened up by the planned visit to Pakistan of Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao in less than a month's time. However, diplomats and observers alike would be surprised to see this first ministerial meeting in years lead to an immediate rebirth of the so-called spirit of Simla.

It was at Simla, that Indian Premier Indira Gandhi and her late Pakistani counterpart

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto reached a kind of reconciliation between their two countries after a war from which East Pakistan emerged as the independent nation of Bangladesh.

Two years later, May 18, 1974, or seven years ago tomorrow — India exploded a nuclear device underground. The resulting apparent imbalance between the two neighbors gave rise to innumerable warnings, the most recent of which was issued by U.S. Senator Alan Cranston, and Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, who last April 27 asserted that India and Pakistan were in the process of building nuclear test ranges with a view to exploding atomic bombs before the year-end.

While India remains linked to Moscow by a mutual assistance treaty, Pakistan has established new relations with Washington after President Ronald Reagan rejected his predecessor Jimmy Carter's thesis that nothing should be done to displease India as a leader of the nonaligned bloc and agreed to rearm Pakistan with aid worth \$2,500 million over five years.

In principle, this change in U.S. policy is meant to permit Pakistan to resist a Soviet threat from the north, in particular through Afghanistan. But in fact Islamabad insists on U.S. appreciation that a Soviet threat could equally well come from the Indian east, so that the expected American equipment must be deployed along both the northern and eastern borders.

OAU talks on Chad planned

PARIS, May 17 (AFP) — A summit of African states involved in the Chad problem will take place soon under the aegis of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to settle the issue, the Libyan News Agency reported Sunday in a dispatch monitored here.

The last attempt to hold a summit on Chad, where the presence of thousands of Libyan soldiers has raised an alarm in several African countries, failed when Libya refused to attend the meeting called in Lagos early last month by Nigerian President Shehu Shagari. Other participants in Lagos were to have

India sends warships to disputed island

NEW DELHI, May 17 (AP) — India has deployed battleships in the vicinity of a newly emerged island in the Bay of Bengal "to counter the provocative presence of three large Bangladesh patrol craft in the region," an Indian government spokesman said Saturday.

The 12-43-kilometer island, variously known as "New Moore," "Purbasha" and "South Tulpatty," is claimed both by India and Bangladesh. It is located in the estuary of the rivers Harihanga and Raimangal.

Spokesman J.N. Dixit said the Indian external affairs secretary R.D. Sathie "lodged a strong protest" to Bangladesh high Commissioner Abul Ehsan Saturday against the "presence of Bangladesh warships and the launching of an anti-India campaign in Bangladesh media."

However, Ehsan told AP that it was he who had called on Sathie to renew Bangladesh's protest against "the entry of the Indian ship Sandhya last Saturday into our territorial waters." The protest, made Monday, said the Indian warship "landed uniform-wearing personnel on the island," Ehsan said. During his meeting with Sathie, the Indian external affairs secretary "complained to me that certain Bangladesh gunships are visible in the vicinity" of the uninhabited island, Ehsan said, adding that he believed that India had now dispatched its frigate, Andamans to the

Bangladesh lodges protest

area. Indian officials said that Bangladesh's "highly provocative actions" appeared to be linked with the scheduled return to Dacca Sunday of the self-exiled daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh who was assassinated in a military coup in 1975.

Hasina Sheikh Wazed, a staunch opponent

of President Ziaur Rahman's regime who has been living in India, has vowed to fight for the trial of her father's slayers. For the past six weeks, newspapers in Bangladesh "with the indirect blessing of the government have been accusing India of supporting opponents of Gen. Ziaur Rahman's regime, the official said, and said the accusations were "baseless and mischievous propaganda."

PLO hails Carrington stand

BEIRUT, May 17 (R) — A senior official of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) has praised the statement of the British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington that the PLO's voice should be heard in any Middle East settlement. "We welcome Carrington's recent statements on the PLO, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the organization's political department said in an interview with the Voice of Palestine Radio in Beirut.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Lord Carrington had said recently any Middle East settlement must allow for the views of the PLO which he called "not in itself terrorist."

Kaddoumi renewed the PLO's call for a

more specific European attitude based on official recognition of the rights of the Palestinian people, including that to the establishment of an independent state under PLO leadership. Carrington who takes over in July as president of the European Common Market (EEC) council of ministers, said in the interview that he would not rule out a meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat as part of a West European Middle East peace initiative. On Francois Mitterrand's victory in the French presidential elections, Kaddoumi said: "We cannot assess the new situation in France on the basis of Mitterrand's statements during the election campaign which reflected marked sympathy for Israel."

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Outlook bleak

Oil income sustains war-hit Iran

TEHRAN, May 17 (AFP) — Iran's ailing, war-stricken economy continues to be dependent on oil...

To pay for arms to fight the war against Iraq, to buy consumer and capital goods...

EEC to debate limiting Japan's car imports

BRUSSELS, May 17 (AFP) — Moves to encourage Japanese car sales in Europe are being discussed by foreign ministers...

But following the breakdown of talks between the community and Japanese auto makers...

The two-day ministerial meeting beginning Monday is unlikely to agree any major proposals...

They will discuss relations with the United States which had a \$28 billion trade surplus with the community last year...

They rejected community complaints over a 10 per cent fall in EEC steel exports to the United States...

dream. Exports of carpets, caviar and dried fruit do not go far toward meeting the economy's needs.

Government revenue this year will total 3,300,000 million rials (\$36,000 million) financed by oil income, taxes and customs duties.

The background is grim as gross national product continues to decline, agriculture stagnates and the fall in industrial output totals 35 per cent over two years.

Iran's overall debts have doubled in two years to 2,000 million rials (\$22,000 million). One sixth of the budget or about \$6,000 million is devoted to fighting the war and oil output could be increased to help pay for this.

Geneva talks

OPEC faces oil glut dilemma

PARIS, May 17 (AFP) — An oil price freeze now appears the most likely outcome of the OPEC meeting beginning in Geneva May 25...

Output by the 13 OPEC members is down to 24 million barrels a day compared with 31 million in 1979, representing a fall of 20 per cent.

Nigeria, meanwhile, has cut back its production to below 1.7 million barrels a day in April against 2.09 million in January...

Nigeria, Africa's biggest oil producer, is in a weaker negotiating position than are the

But the addition of extra Iranian output to an over-supplied market could help depress prices, eventually requiring Iran to export even more to keep its earnings up.

The number of people unemployed in May 1980 was said officially to total two million in a population of 36 million. Meanwhile, despite rationing introduced when the war broke out, basic consumer items such as sugar, oil and washing powder are sold on the black market at four times the official price.

Industry, having been hit by a brain-drain and by the trade boycott over the hostages affair, is now looking for partners. One of the country's biggest firms, the Iran National car concern, has invited four world auto firms to compete to supply engines for the national Peykan car.

But Iranian officials still stress they want to be economically independent of both East and West and are determined that the economy will not have to rely on non-Islamic experts as was the case under the Shah.

Construction on what is described as the biggest natural gas refinery in the world began in February at Kangan in Southern Iran. Some 90 per cent of the materials are being imported but officials say foreign experts are not needed.

Gen states because it needs the oil revenue to finance economic development. Even OPEC countries which have not reduced output are suffering from the oil glut.

In the United States six companies have reduced their domestic buying prices from \$36 to 34 barrel in response to the slump of free "spot" market prices.

Nevertheless, European consumers still face price rises because of the rising value of the dollar which is the currency used for settlement of crude oil accounts.

In Britain, Shell announced at the end of the week that it was increasing diesel and heating and heavy oil prices by 1.75 per cent.

In France, where petrol prices were held steady during the recent presidential election campaign, the incoming administration is expected to announce a price rise of about six per cent.

China places curbs on rural units

PEKING, May 17 (AP) — Rural peasants' enterprises springing up across China have been asked not to compete with state-run enterprises for limited markets and raw materials.

But the Communist Party newspaper said Saturday the rural enterprises are indispensable for providing more jobs and income in the countryside, where 800 million of China's one billion people live.

The paper said a new government directive bans rural factories from producing cigarettes. This is to ensure a tobacco supply for state-owned factories which produce cigarettes of better quality at lower cost.

The paper also urged better management of rural collective enterprises to give the peasants a bigger say in decision-making and a better share in earnings, and to stop speculation and corruption.

The People's Daily said that by the end of 1980, China had 1.43 million communes and brigade-run factories employing 30.5 million workers. It said they made 61.4 billion yuan (\$40.9 billion) in 1980, accounting for 34 per cent of total commune income.

Of the money made by the factories, it said, 2.26 billion yuan (\$1.5 billion) went to improve agricultural production and 2.56 billion yuan (\$1.7 billion) went to the state for taxes.

OPEC talks to open in Vienna

ABU DHABI, May 17 (WAM) — The board of governors of the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets in Vienna, Austria, Monday to review a report prepared by the organization's economic committee dealing with the petroleum market situation, regarding supply and demand and its impact on crude oil price.

The report will be further discussed at OPEC ministerial meeting due to start in Geneva May 25.

The board will also discuss a number of administrative and financial questions, particularly the appointment of a new secretary for the organization to replace Rene Ortiz whose term of office has expired.

Sbaibah and Hamili, under secretary of the UAE ministry of petroleum and mineral resources, left here for Vienna to take part in the meetings.

Financial Roundup Spot riyal up against dollar

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 17 — The mystery of whether the American money supply figures went up by \$3.1 billion or down by \$9.1 billion continued. Wild rumors spread around the local markets Saturday that the American figures released Friday were "over-estimated" and that a bench mark revision took them down to \$9.1 billion.

The rumors originated in Bahrain, according to local dealers and when approached for verification the Bahrain based OBU's—offshore banking units said that "flash rumors" originated from Singapore...

On the local exchanges, spot delivery riyal rose against the dollar from a low level of 3.3605 — 10 (when rumors and counter-rumors were flying fast and thick to

3.3610 — 25 by close of the trading day. Once again dealing was thin and some dealers were taking advantage of the Sunday European market closures to square some positions with Bahrain.

Given the general uncertainty, and the fact that no European market was open Sunday, the Bahrain markets pushed down the prevalent dollar and riyal deposit rates from higher opening levels. The dollar one-month rate opened at 19 13/16 per cent, but fell by 1/6 to 'a per cent by the end of the day in very thin trading. Similarly riyal deposit rates opened at 18 1/4 — 18 1/4 per cent, but later fell by 1/4 per cent. Once the market found that the "new" money supply figures could simply be a rumor, some dealers put up their rate to 18 1/2 — 19 per cent and even 18 1/2 — 19 1/4 per cent one-month JIBOR levels. The one-year level was quoted at 16 1/2 — 17 per cent, but as was the case with the dollar, local trading was quite thin with most dealing taking place in the short and overnight markets. Riyal deposit rates still remain high in the short periods and broker were quoting the week out of Bahrain at 19-21 per cent.

Fodder shortage thwarts Soviet plan

MOSCOW, May 17 (R) — The Soviet Union is the world's biggest wheat grower, yet its failure to grow enough of the right sort of grain is seriously hampering efforts to increase the country's meat production.

The Soviet Union produces only half of the fodder it needs to maintain its livestock. The sad array of scrawny chickens and modest scraps of meat in Soviet shops bears testimony to the country's agricultural problems. Fodder shortages constantly thwart schemes to boost meat production and this year forced the Kremlin to import some 35 million tons of grain, mostly animal feed.

Moscow's increasing dependence on fodder imports makes it particularly vulnerable to trade sanctions. Washington's decision last month to lift its partial embargo on grain deliveries to the Soviet Union will ease Kremlin fears over shortages only temporarily.

The solution to the problem, propounded in countless newspaper and magazine articles in recent weeks, appears simple. A large-scale change from wheat to fodder production, especially in areas where fodder yields are higher, would not only increase animal food supplies but boost the overall grain harvest. President Leonid Brezhnev and Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov have both in recent weeks implored farmers and planners to concentrate their efforts on growing more barley, maize and pulses to feed animals. But custom, bureaucratic rigidity and lack of economic incentive appear to have combined in stifling their initiatives. The area covered by fodder crops will be down to 62 million hectares (153 million acres) this year from

62.9 million hectares (155 million acres) in 1980. In the Ukraine, an important grain region, the area designated for barley sowing this year is more than two-thirds less than in 1976.

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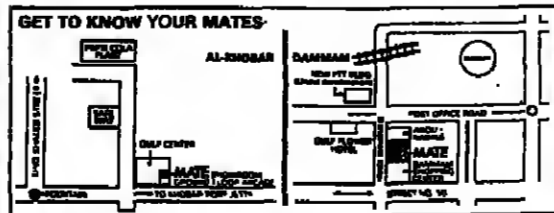
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